



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on August 10, 2010, at the Harraseeket Inn, 162 Main Street, Freeport, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; James Carignan; Lynda Doyle; Nancy Perkins; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Andrea Levinsky; and Angela Bechard. Excused: Dorothy Martin.

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Dr. Angela Faherty; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; David Stockford, Policy Director of Special Services; Scott Brown, AIA, School Facilities; Jana LaPoint, Board Member Nominee; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Marilyn Tardy arrived at 1:07 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the June 9, 2010 and July 14, 2010 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- That he represented the Board at the New England Secondary School Consortium meeting in New Hampshire.
- That the Board is still in need for silent auction items for the NASBE Annual Conference to be held in Salt Lake City in October of 2010. If you have an item you would like to donate, please let him know.
- That he received an email invitation to the 5th Maine Symposium on Higher Education – Maine's Economic Imperative, being held on Tuesday, September 28th at Unum's Corporate Offices in Portland. Following lunch they will conduct a Gubernatorial Forum on Higher Education. All five candidates have confirmed

their participation in the Forum: Eliot Cutler, Paul Lepage, Libby Mitchell, Shawn Moody and Kevin Scott. Candidates will respond to a white paper that provides a framework for examining government policies that impact education attainment. Jim has registered to attend and will forward the invitation to Board members.

- That he and Steve met with Maine Futures Initiative Forum 2010. They had an interesting conversation with these folks and may meet with them again in the future. The meeting was a sharing of information. Steve will elaborate on this during his report.
- That he has copies of the Observer for Teacher Preparation Program Review that needs to be added to all Board Documents Policy and Procedures Manual.
- That he would like to start the September 15, 2010 meeting earlier than 9:00 AM due to stakeholders that will be presenting at the workshop session of the meeting, and possibly moving the business meeting to later in the afternoon. Following agenda review with the Commissioner, he will have a proposed start time for the meeting. Steve Pound will report on the invited Stakeholder groups that will be presenting at the September 15, 2010 meeting and the Board's plan for developing a strategic plan.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound

- That he hopes the Board will move forward with the Strategic Plan by taking the goals from last year and have all Board members review them. Following review by members, take that information along with the information gathered by having several stakeholders present to the Board at the September 15th meeting. The Board has already heard from Senator Alfond, Educational and Cultural Affairs Committee and Acting Commissioner Faherty for the Department of Education. We will be inviting several organizations; MEA, MSMA, MPA, CTE, etc. and they are willing to come talk with the Board at the next meeting. The presentations will be from 30 to 45 minutes to give the Board a pilot's view of their concerns and what they are currently dealing with. This will open up the lines of communications and help Board members to develop a strategic plan. The information the Board obtains from various meetings will be taken to the Legislative Liaison Committee, which consist of Marilyn Tardy, Nancy Perkins, Jim Banks and himself to collate, then present to the rest of the Board. He has received several Strategic Plans to review from other states. Mary will forward them to all Board members. We can engage in having NASBE assist by coming to meet with the Board on strategic planning. Brenda is not available when we had hoped she would be, but might be available the first part of November. We are hoping to finalize a strategic plan and have it ready by the first of the Year 2011.
- That as part of his responsibilities, he is looking into fall meeting locations. The Board will be meeting in Augusta in September. We hope to be visiting Gray-New Gloucester in November to look at the Next Generation Program. Possibly Farmington in December for Teacher Preparation and Hampden in the spring for new construction.

- That he attended the National Association of State Board's of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute with Lynda Doyle and Nancy Perkins. All new members would benefit from attending the training.
- That he starts a two year term in January 2011 on the National State Boards of Education Board of Directors. It is a 14 member Board. The information he gathers will be brought back to the Maine Board of Education to keep the National perspective in front of us.
- That he and Jim Banks met with Maine's Future 2010 (see handout). The Maine Futures Institute is a collaboration of the University of Maine Farmington and the Maine Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information to create, develop and support networks of individuals who are committed to helping high school aged youth raise their aspirations, navigate the new labor market landscape, and ultimately make better informed career decisions. They want to engage and support core teams responsible for helping guide young people into rewarding employment and careers. They are planning a forum that the Board could attend, and trying to engage all types of Stakeholders to attend the forum. Dr. Angela Faherty has endorsed and is working on setting up the actual planning for the forum. The department will be helping to pull it all together.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Nancy Perkins:

- That she represented Jim Banks at the Milliken Awards candidate review. The process is to rank each candidate (presentation of 3 candidates). Recommendations are sent and the Milliken Foundation chooses the candidate.
- That she attended the Model School's Conference in June with Dottie Martin, Dr. Angela Faherty, Acting Commissioner and a team from the Department of Education.
- That she attended the National Association of State Board's of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute with Steve Pound and Lynda Doyle.

Andrea Levinsky:

- No Report

James Carignan:

- No Report

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- No Report

Lynda Doyle:

- That she attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute and found it to be very helpful. It was life changing in the sense of the Board and her. She is a very global person and found it to be very rewarding. She is very enthusiastic going forward and recommends all new members attend.

Angela Bechard:

- No Report

Dorothy Martin

- No Report (Absent)

CONSENT AGENDA:

No items on the Consent Agenda

SPECIAL ORDERS (Important business previously designated for consideration)

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities. Maine has a 2010 QSCB balance of \$27,768,016.

RSU 26 has requested approval of a QSCB application for Orono High School, Orono Middle School, Asa Adams School and Glenburn School in the amount of \$1,750,000.

RSU 29 submitted a QSCB application for Houlton Junior High School, Houlton High School and Region 2 School of Applied Technology in the amount of \$905,655 and received State Board approval in June 2010. RSU 29 is requesting an allocation increase in the amount of \$144,345 for a revised total of \$1,050,000.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QSCB application for RSU 26 and the increase in allocation for RSU 29.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by James Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to Approve the QSCB application for RSU 26 and the increase in

allocation for RSU 29.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; *DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION*; RSU #9, MT. BLUE HIGH SCHOOL AND FOSTER CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER, CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The High School/Technical Center will be constructed in Farmington, Maine, and house 925 students, grades 9 through 12. The project received Concept Approval on July 15, 2009. The subsequent referendum passed with a 76% vote in favor of the project.

The Mt. Blue High School and Foster Career and Technical Center serve high school students from nine communities in central Franklin County and vocational/technical students from Mt. Blue High School, Jay High School, Livermore Falls High School, and Mt. Abram High School.

The design and program has been developed with a great deal of community involvement and integrates the academic and vocational offerings. The project also will accommodate post secondary educational offerings and space for private industry start up opportunities. The project is very challenging in that students will remain on campus during the three years of construction and renovation.

The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, Section 15905(1).

The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

RSU #9 is requesting Design and Funding Approval for an addition and renovation of the high school/technical center qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- RSU #9 proposed school construction project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and RSU #9.
- The RSU #9 estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- The RSU #9 proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

Project Information

Project: Mt. Blue High School/Foster Career and Technical Center
Superintendent: Dr. Michael Cormier
Mt. Blue HS Principal: Monique Poulin Vocational Director: Glen Kapiloff
Architect: Lyndon Keck, AIA, LEED^{AP}, PDT Architects
School(s) to be closed: None

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: July 15, 2009
Total Project Cost: \$64,721,310
Local Only (no State participation): \$3,515,953
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$60,016,482
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$189,846
Anticipated Funds from Local Fund Raising: \$999,029

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee at the August 2, 2010, meeting voted unanimously to recommend the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU #9 for a high school/technical center in Farmington, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU #9 for a high school/technical center in Farmington, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

**This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:

“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU #9 for a high school/technical center in Farmington, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.

AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT VII.C.

Nancy Perkins requested an amendment to Exhibit VII.C., Consideration of the Certification and Higher Education Committee Action Plan Developed in Response to the Report of the Professional Standards Board. Add to the end of the Acting Commissioner’s Recommendation “to fulfill the 60 day requirement”

CONSIDERATION OF THE CERTIFICATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD.

BACKGROUND: The Professional Standards Board was established in Maine statute Title 20-A, Chapter 502-B "to advise the state board regarding professional growth, certification, endorsement, authorization and governance of the education profession in this State."

By law, "the board shall submit a report by June 30 of each year to the commissioner and the State Board with its recommendations." After that "the state board shall act on standards definitions or other recommendations within 60 days of presentation to the state board by the board." As required, the board met and prepared its report which was considered by the State Board of Education on July 14, 2010. At the July 14, 2010, meeting the State Board of Education voted unanimously to receive the June 30, 2010 Report of the Professional Standards Board and refer the Report to the Certification and Higher Education Committee for consideration of the recommendations and creation of an action plan to be presented to the State Board of Education at its August 2010 meeting.

The Certification and Higher Education Committee reviewed the recommendations and developed the following proposed action plan:

1. A candidate who holds both a valid teaching certification from another state and national board certification be granted an initial Maine teaching certificate in that same certification area, pending fingerprint: Department of Education staff will contact Ellen Holmes to discuss the fact that National Board categories and State of Maine certification in elementary education do not match. There would need to be some kind of "cross walk" between what the PRAXIS covers and what the National Board covers. This may necessitate the convening of a group to review all of the ramifications of this proposed action.
2. National Board Certification or Re-Certification will be sufficient to fulfill the requirements for the subsequent 5-year professional teacher certification or re-certification: This request appears to be based on LEA certification teams that will not accept the work done for National Board certification as part of the teacher's re-certification credits. The Committee decided that it needed clarification to make sure that this was not meant to include a ten-year period without any other professional development.

ACTING COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Acting Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education approve the action plan as presented by the Certification and Higher Education Committee *to fulfill the 60 day requirement.*

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (James Carignan) for the State Board of Education to approve the action plan as presented by the Certification and Higher Education Committee to fulfill the 60 day requirement. Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TABLED MISSION /VISION STATEMENT

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT AND ADDITION OF A VISION STATEMENT

Current Mission Statement:

The Mission of the State Board is to provide policy leadership that promotes a Maine public school system whose graduates will have the skills and knowledge to be college-ready, career-ready, and citizenship-ready.

To fulfill this mission and its statutory requirement, the State Board of Education provides recommendations to the Executive and Legislative Branches of State Government.

Proposed Mission Statement:

The Mission of the State Board is to provide policy leadership that promotes a Maine public school system whose graduates will meet the Maine Learning Results and to make recommendations to the Executive and Legislative Branches of Government.

Proposed Vision Statement:

Prepare graduates with 21st century skills and knowledge, to be college, career, and citizenship ready.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to revise the State Board of Education Mission Statement and add a Vision Statement to read as follows:

The Mission of the State Board is to provide policy leadership that promotes a Maine public school system whose graduates will meet current and future learning standards and to make recommendations to the Executive and Legislative Branches of Government.

The Vision of the State Board of Education is to prepare graduates with essential skills and knowledge, to be college, career, and citizenship ready.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

The Commissioner of Education is appointed by the Governor. Usually the Governor includes the Chair of the State Board of Education in the selection process and ensures that the State Board has an opportunity to meet and interview the candidate or candidates. This process was not followed in the nomination of Acting Commissioner Faherty. James Banks, Sr. is requesting approval to represent the State Board of Education in support of the confirmation of the nomination of Dr. Angela Faherty as Commissioner of the Department of Education, before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on Wednesday, August 11, 2010.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to have James Banks, Sr, Chair, represent the State Board of Education in support of the confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Angela Faherty as Commissioner of the Department of Education.

ACTING COMMISSIONER FAHERTY'S HANDOUT

Dr. Angela Faherty distributed a handout "Education Related Legislation" that is pertaining to the State Board of Education. Enacted by the 124th Maine Legislature Second Regular Session.

Maine has a part time legislature and the State Board of Education is full time all year. As a Board you are transition people that extend beyond the legislature. In the summaries that the Department of Education has every year and of what the Commissioner does at her leadership team meetings, the department has all kinds of work that we continue to do for the Legislature and that work is very important. We have report backs as early as now and then November and things that will allow the 125th Legislature to put in laws. For the benefit of Board members, Dr. Faherty put together this Education Related Legislation that includes everything that has some implications with the Chair of the State Board to look out for.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by James Carignan, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the August 10, 2010, State Board of Education meeting at 3:02 PM.